

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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Add our Hoosier Military Personnel to your Holiday card list

Since this is the holiday season, Lt. Governor Skillman has launched a letter and card campaign for our deployed service men and women to show our Indiana troops how thankful Hoosiers are for their sacrifice. Later this month, she will travel to Camp Atterbury to learn more about the exciting happenings at the military installment, and will deliver our letters/cards to the Indiana National Guard. They will be sent overseas to Hoosier troops who are missing the holidays in Indiana. If you are interested in sending a letter of appreciation or a holiday card to our troops, please send them to the Lt. Governor's Office by Friday, December 15th. You may mail or deliver them to the **Statehouse, Room 333, Indianapolis, IN 46204.**



Thank you for supporting our troops this holiday season.

Partnership Makes Local Holiday Donation in Addition to Helping Eligible Patients Receive Prescription Assistance

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) and its Indiana chapter, Rx for Indiana, are teaming up to bring help to the people of Washington County during the holidays. To raise awareness of patient assistance programs, the PPA's "Help is Here Express" national bus tour will be at Washington County Memorial Hospital, 911 N. Shelby Street, in Salem on **Monday, 12/11/06, from 11 AM to 1 PM.**

Low-income, uninsured or underinsured patients who wish to explore their qualifications for any of the 475 programs offered free or nearly free prescription medications are invited to attend.

During stops scheduled over the holidays, PPA will also make generous donations to local charities that provide holiday assistance. In Salem, PPA's donation will benefit a program providing gifts to nearly 300 local children throughout the holiday season. If you have any questions or would like to attend this event, please contact Mandy Brettnacher at 317-631-6400 or via email at

Join millions of people of this Friday, Saturday and Sunday to help save Darfur

**SAVE DARFUR**

Approximately 400,000 innocent men, women and children have been killed. Untold thousands raped, tortured and terrorized. The Save Darfur Coalition and their partners have issued a call to our conscience. Leaders around the country are asked to observe a moment of silence and/or say a prayer during any activity appropriate to their individual faith during this weekend.

For more information on how we can make a difference and help end genocide in Darfur, visit www.savedarfur.org

Funding Opportunities

The following two pages are time sensitive funding opportunities that have recently become available.

SUMMARY: Applications for grants from the Majella Grant program, administered by the Redeptorists of the Denver Province, are available. Grants of up to \$5,000 each will support organizations that provide services to poor people.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Organizations that are classified at tax-exempt under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the foreign equivalent. Grant money may not support building projects, salaries, travel, or tuition subsidies.

DUE DATE: January 1, 2007

AWARD AMOUNT: Up to \$5,000

CONTACT INFORMATION: Barbara Franckowiak, RDP, 1230 South Parker Road, Denver, CO 80231, (303) 370-0035 or (866) 788-0343. Email: bfranckowiak@redemptorists-denver.org. Web: [http://www.redemptorists-denver.org/Provincial Government/Overview/Majella Grant.php](http://www.redemptorists-denver.org/Provincial_Government/Overview/Majella_Grant.php)

SUMMARY: FitCity recently announced a new pilot funding program to provide up to five (5) four-year grants of \$40,000 or less (\$10,000 per year maximum) to educate high-risk youth ages 12 to 17 and their caregivers about issues of nutrition and/or physical activity.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Funding will be awarded for programs in Marion and the seven surrounding counties that provide awareness and motivation for good nutrition and physical fitness. FitCity will give priority to programs that collaborate within the community to reach high-risk audiences in new ways, at new locations or to increase capacity. The first year of grant funds will be available in March 2007.

DUE DATE: January 17, 2007

AWARD AMOUNT: Up to \$40,000 over a four year period.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Lisa Sirkin, Fitecity Program Director, 429 E. Vermont, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46202, 317-536-1216. Email: FitCity@thfgi.org. Web: <http://www.fitcity.info/grants.cfm>

Be sure to review the FY 2007 Grants Forecast at <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html>, which lists virtually all programs and competitions under which the Department of Education has invited or expects to invite applications for awards and provides actual or estimated dates for the transmittal of applications under these programs. The lists are in the form of charts—organized according to principal program offices—and will be updated regularly through July 2007. (Note: this document is advisory only and is not an official application notice of the Department of Education.)

**COMMUNITY PARENT RESOURCE CENTERS
(CFDA 84.328C)**

Nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for funding to ensure that parents of children with disabilities receive training and information to help improve results for their children.

ABSOLUTE PRIORITY

This priority supports community parent training and information centers in targeted communities that will provide underserved parents of children with disabilities, including low-income parents, parents of limited English proficient children, and parents with disabilities in that community, with the training and information they need to enable them to participate effectively in helping their children with disabilities to—

1. Meet developmental and functional goals, and challenging academic achievement goals that have been established for all children; and
2. Be prepared to lead productive, independent adult lives, to the maximum extent possible.

In addition, a purpose of this priority is to ensure that children with disabilities and their parents receive training and information on their rights, responsibilities, and protections under IDEA in order to develop the skills necessary to cooperatively and effectively participate in planning and decision making relating to early intervention, educational, and transitional services.

NOVICE APPLICANT PRIORITY

To meet this priority, the applicant must be a “novice applicant.” This priority is from 34 CFR 75.225. We will award an additional five points to an application that meets this priority. The term “novice applicant” means any applicant for a grant from the U.S. Department of Education that—

1. Has never received a grant or subgrant under the program from which it seeks funding;
2. Has never been a member of a group application, submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129, that received a grant under the program from which it seeks funding; and
3. Has not had an active discretionary grant from the Federal Government in the five years before the deadline date for applications under this program (Training and Information for Parents of Children with Disabilities--Community Parent Resource Centers). For the purposes of this requirement, a grant is active until the end of the grant's project or funding period, including any extensions of those periods that extend the grantee's authority to obligate funds.

In the case of a group application submitted in accordance with 34 CFR 75.127 through 75.129, all group members must meet the requirements described in this priority to qualify as a novice applicant.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: January 11, 2007

CONTACT INFORMATION: Lisa Gorove, Competition Manager, Research to Practice Division, Office of Special Education Programs. Telephone: (202) 245-7357, Fax: (202) 245-7617, TDD: 1-800-877-8339. Email: lisa.gorove@ed.gov . Location of the application: <http://www.ed.gov/programs/oseppic/2007-328c.doc>

Are you interested in becoming Certified in Volunteer Administration?



The mission of the Council for Certification in Volunteer Administration is to serve as a catalyst to advance the capacity of communities to effectively engage volunteers by promoting and certifying excellence in the professional practice of volunteer administration.

The Council is an independent nonprofit offering a yearly credentialing program for professionals in volunteer management and leadership.

2007 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: Registrations are now being accepted for the 2007 certification cycle. The deadline is March 1, 2007. *Save money by registering before January 1, 2007. The early bird rate is \$185, after January 1st the rate goes to \$235.* For further information, please visit <http://www.cvacert.org/>

Hope Crisis Response Network is a faith-based disaster response agency based in Elkhart, Indiana. A member of Indiana Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster, HCRN has provided relief both in Indiana and across the country. Currently, HCRN operates Hope City, a base camp for long and short term volunteers near Gulfport, Mississippi. Over a year after Katrina, there is still much work to be done, and a continued need for volunteers. We'd like to share with you the story of one Hoosier couple and how volunteering has become a part of their lives.

A letter from a HCRN Member:

As we entered our "50's" we began seriously redefining our roles in life. We have had successful careers as a teacher and an engineer and had planned financially for this period, but had not planned how we were going to spend our time. Both of us are blessed with excellent health and energy and are not ready to "retire."

We saw that James Dobson had a seminar called "Focus Over 50" in Colorado Springs, so we decided to attend. We enjoyed it so much that we attended again two years later. Each time the theme was that retirement is a time to get involved. This can be in your home area (politics, mentoring, volunteering, etc.) all the way to missions.

We began to think about this and found that our interests were in forming an RV short-term mission team, since we own a motor home and enjoy traveling. We felt that there were a lot of ways that we could "give back" by using our facilities and talents for Christ. We started working with World Partners USA, and through them, we ended up at Hope City. (We are still hoping to organize a short term RV team).

Our pastor at Grabill Missionary Church stated in a sermon a few months ago that "just because your social calendar is filled doesn't mean your life is fulfilled."

By Vicki and Larry Arnold

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This is Larry and Vicki Arnold of Grabill, Indiana standing at the Katrina monument in Biloxi. The top of the stone shows the height of the water during the flooding.